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1. SOURCES IN THE GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF GREEK LABOR (GSEE) CONFIRM TO US THAT THE GSEE WILL NOT SEND AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO ATTEND THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU) CONGRESS IN PRAGUE APRIL 16-23. HOWEVER, WE WERE TOLD THAT THE TWO COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED FACTIONS IN THE GSEE ARE LIKELY TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONGRESS ON BEHALF OF THOSE FACTIONS. ONE SUCH POSSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE, ACCORDING TO GSEE SOURCES, IS ORESTIS HADJIVASSILIOU, A MEMBER OF THE 35-MEMBER GSEE ADMINISTRATION BOARD WHO HEADS THE ANTI-DICTATORIAL LABOR FRONT (AEM) FACTION OF THE DISSIDNET COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE OF THE INTERIOR (KKE-INTERIOR).

2. COMMENT: HADJIVASSILIOU IS ONE OF TWO AEM MEMBERS ON THE GSEE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD WHO HAS TRAVELED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTENSIVELY TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN CONNECTION WITH TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES. THE MOSCOW-ORIENTED UNITED SYNDICALIST ANTI-DICTATORIAL MOVEMENT (ESAK) CONTROLS SIX SEATS. HOWEVER, ESAK LEADERS HAVE TRAVELED IN EASTERN EUROPE IN THE PAST CLAIMING TO REPRESENT THE GREEK LABOR MOVEMENT.

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